

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 24, 2005. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 39-59, 61, 62 and 67-76 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claim 70 stands withdrawn as being drawn to a new species and claims 39-59, 61, 62, 67-69, 71-76 are rejected by the Examiner. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is requested for reasons presented below.

Claim 70 has been amended to correct matters of form and to depend from claim 39. Claim 76 has been amended to correct dependency from claim 75. No new matter has been added. These amendments are not presented to distinguish a reference, thus, the claims as amended are entitled to a full range of equivalents if not previously amended to distinguish a reference.

Claim 70 is subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Applicant has amended claim 70 to depend from claim 39, thereby obviating the restriction. Prosecution of claim 70 is respectfully requested.

Claims 39-43, 45-50, 52-59, 61, 62, 67-69 and 71-76 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by *Breivogel, et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on grounds that *Breivogel, et al.* does not teach or provide motivation for the invention as claimed. The reference *Breivogel, et al.* relates to a slurry/pad/wafer interface in conventional chemical mechanical polishing disclosing pad materials (Col. 4, Lines 51-56 and Col. 7, Lines 2-3) that are not taught or suggested to be electrically conductive. Therefore, *Breivogel, et al.* does not teach, motivate, or suggest a conductive polishing surface and a polishing article that conducts electricity across the polishing surface, as recited in claims 39, 47, 56, 57, 59, and 71. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 39-43, 45-50, 52-59, 61, 62, and 67-76 is respectfully requested.

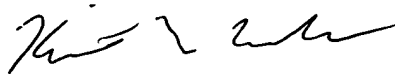
Claims 44 and 51 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Breivogel, et al.* in view of *Osterheld, et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on grounds that *Breivogel, et al.* does not teach or provide motivation for the

invention as claimed in claims 39 and 47. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 39 and 47 are in allowable form placing claims 44 and 51 in allowable form. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 39 and 47 and claims 44 and 51, which depend thereon, is respectfully requested.

In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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